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PARADES FOR NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday, 2nd January:—

The following members of "A" and
"B" Coys. will parade at Blake Pier at
8.30 p.m. for Musketry. Dress: Drill
order.—Ptes. G. A. Hastings, J. Grant,
A. Cavalier, A. Blythe, H. H. Taylor,
S. M. Mayes, C. W. Olson, W. Logan,
D. McMurray, W. S. Glendinning, J. M.
Ramsey, C. Crispin, and R. J. Dixon.

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables
at 4.45 p.m. under Instructor Q.M. Sgt.
Talbot. Dress: Drill order.

Semaphore Class, as Volunteer Head-
quarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling
Instructor Lieut. C. Lloyd. Dress:
Clean fatigues.

Wednesday, 3rd January:—

The following members of "A" and
"B" Coys. will parade at Blake Pier at
8.30 p.m. for Musketry. Dress: Drill
order.—Ptes. G. A. Hastings, J. Grant,
A. Cavalier, A. Blythe, H. H. Taylor,
S. M. Mayes, C. W. Olson, W. Logan,
D. McMurray, W. S. Glendinning, J. M.
Ramsey, C. Crispin, and R. J. Dixon.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5
p.m. under Instructor Sgt. Oxberry.
Dress: Drill order.

Thursday, 4th January:—

The following members of "A" and
"B" Coys. will parade at Blake Pier at
8.30 p.m. for Musketry. Dress: Drill
order.—Ptes. G. A. Hastings, J. Grant,
A. Cavalier, A. Blythe, H. H. Taylor,
S. M. Mayes, C. W. Olson, W. Logan,
D. McMurray, W. S. Glendinning, J. M.
Ramsey, C. Crispin, and R. J. Dixon.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5
p.m. under Instructor Sgt. Oxberry.
Dress: Drill order.

Mounted Section at the Jockey Club
Stables at 4.45 p.m. under Instructor
Q.M. Sgt. Talbot. Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Section at Volunteer Head-
quarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling
Instructor Lieut. C. Lloyd. Dress:
Clean fatigues.

Machine Gun Section at Wellington
Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor
Sgt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigues.

Friday, 5th January:—

"A" Coy. on the road outside the
Law Courts at 4.45 p.m. Dress: Drill
order.

STRENGTH.

Pte. C. M. Wilson having joined is
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REVERSION.

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Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1914. 1363

HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the demand for electricity has almost reached the limit of the capacity of the present Generating Plant, and as a result no further applications for new connections can be accepted as from 1st January next, until completion of the New Lower Station at North Point. It was fully expected that the North Point Station would have been completed and running before now, but owing to the war work in respect of the new plant has been considerably delayed.

By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1914. 1359

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shaw, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY the fifth day of January, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon when the subject of Resolutions which were passed at an Extraordinary Meeting of the said Company held on the Fifteenth day of December, 1914 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

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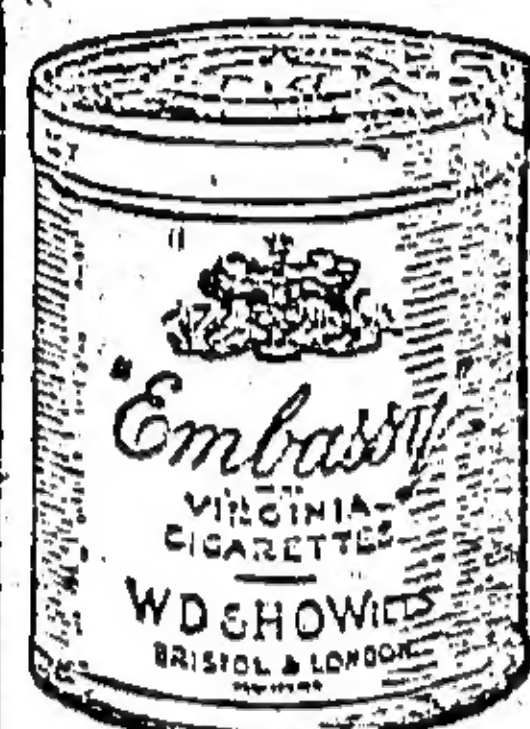
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TACTICS AND STRATEGY.

A REPLY TO GERMAN CRITICISM.

The Military Correspondent of "The Times," in an article dealing with German General Staff criticism on Allied strategy, writes:—

"The argument of the German General Staff is that the object of the Allies was, first, to break through the German front and to cause it to collapse, and, secondly, to prevent Germany from sending sufficient reinforcements to her Allies in South-Eastern Europe to enable them to overthrow Rumania. The German General Staff naturally replies to its own statement of our first object by declaring that we have only gained local tactical successes, and that four months of a titanic conflict have brought us no nearer the realization of our aim than before. As to our supposed second object, the General Staff declares that the Germans have conquered the Dobruja, liberated Transylvania, and have seized the passes leading to the heart of Rumania. They do not actually claim in so many words that Rumania will be overthrown, but they make it clear that, in their opinion, this will probably come to pass."

The weakness of this argument lies in the fact that the united talent of Hindenburg and Ludendorff has attributed to us aims which we never proposed or expected to attain, and has omitted the objects which we sought and have attained. The writer was present at the British and French Headquarters in the initial stages of the Somme offensive, and, without presuming to know the secrets of the Higher Command, can only say that strategy, while giving the date, the guidance, and the general direction for our effort, apparently entered very little in other respects into the matter in hand. The ghastly failure of the German attack on Verdun, which was clear to demonstration directly the Somme battle began, had shown that the break-through, meaning the shattering of a front and a general retreat on the part of an enemy, was impossible as the result of an attack on a contracted front, and to such contracted fronts we were still at that time confined by reason of our want of heavy guns.

We were out to kill Germans in the first place, and this we have pretty effectively done. We were out to relieve Verdun—a point which the German General Staff leave severely alone—and Verdun has not only been relieved, but has taken a heavy toll of its besiegers and has, thanks to the Somme, reversed the results of eight months of bloody German sacrifices. The strain on Verdun was the initial cause of the opening of the offensive at the particular date selected, and as we were not ready, not having up all the heavy guns we needed, we had all the less cause to expect the ambitious results which the Germans now attribute to us in order to enable them to claim a strategic victory.

If a game of wear and tear as the expense of the falling German man-power, and the relief of Verdun, were our principal objects, it is also true that we desired to hold in our front as many German troops as possible; but this was certainly not to save Rumania, who did not take the field till August 27th, and we had not the gift of prophecy to say two months before, what Rumania would do or would not do. We were thinking of the Russians at that time, as well as of Verdun. The Russians had begun their offensive on June 4th to help Italy, and

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the sooner we got to work the better for both of these two of our Allies. We never certainly presumed that we could prevent the Germans from taking a dozen or even 20 divisions from their front on the West if they chose to ignore the flagellation which they would get, and have, since received, for doing so. Ludendorff knows the number of divisions on the two sides on the Western front as well as we do, and our only surprise during this offensive of 1914 is that with 122 divisions in the field at the start, and with all the others formed since, the Germans have never launched, one counter-attack in the West worth a rap, and have submissively bowed to our initiative all the time. We certainly did not think that, as between attack and defence, the respective numbers on the two sides justified the troglodyte tactics of the enemy, any more than they justified the soaring ambitions which the Germans now gratuitously ascribe to us.

We have relieved Verdun. We find that the German casualties on all fronts, on the showing of the enemy, are 743,058 since we opened the ball. We have not finished yet, and our latest successes are among our best. Finally, though we never supposed that we could restrain Hindenburg and his friends from gaining some spurious fame by bullying the smallest boy in the school, the little fellow is not down yet, and meantime we are capturing German prisoners by the thousand and shall have to build museums to hold the German war material which we have secured.

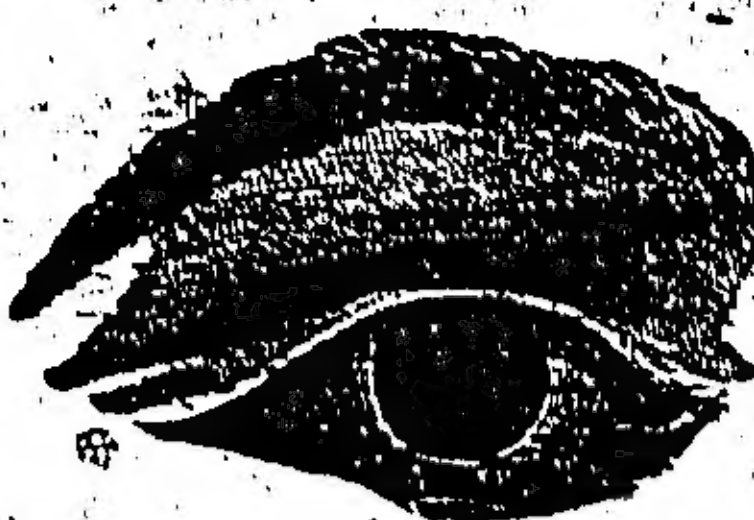
We know quite well the superiority in men and guns necessary before we can aspire to a great strategic victory in the West, and all our efforts are set on obtaining this superiority. We had certain definite aims when we began this 1914 offensive and these aims have been achieved. If Ludendorff likes to attribute other aims to us to suit his Eastern manuscript, and to encourage faint-hearted Germans, this is his affair. He no doubt correctly measures the gullibility of his countrymen. But what we have to remember is that there are Westerners and Easterners in Germany as there are with us, and that, as Hindenburg was always an Easterner and is on the way to resume his attack on Russia, he is bound to minimise and depreciate all German losses in the West which are a direct consequence of, and a pointed reflection upon, the change which he has imported into the plans of the Higher Command. The German General Staff, and the ever obsequious German Press, therefore find it necessary to reverse their telescopes when they look at the West, to ignore our tactical successes, the German losses, and the relief of Verdun, and to claim that we have failed by attributing to us schemes which we never contemplated. This is all part of the game of war, and we take no exception to it at all. But what we have to do is to look coolly at all these manifestations, and to keep steadily on our way without allowing ourselves to be deflected from our chosen course.

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Removed to Sales Rooms for Convenience
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Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Set, etc., Bath
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Furniture, Pictures, Engravings, etc.,
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Rings, Carpets (new and second hand),
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Spare burners.
Cylinders and wicks.
Incandescent Petrol Lamps, and
appurtenances.

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Mooring Buoy.
Also
A number of Locomotive wheels and
Axles.
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2 DRUMS OATMEAL
2 BAGS RICE

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Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1916. 1372

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Consisting of:—
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To-day's Advertisements

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transference of Public Business on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1917.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 29, 1916. 1381

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

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By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 29, 1916. 1382

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Kennedy Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.									
Locality.	Boundary Measurements (Approximate).	Containing in Acres.	Containing in Sq. Yds.	Containing in Sq. Fms.	Containing in Sq. Rds.	Containing in Acres.	Containing in Sq. Yds.	Containing in Sq. Fms.	Containing in Sq. Rds.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the CHINESE GOVERNMENT SALT REVENUE DEPARTMENT, to sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY

the 30th January, 1917, at 12 noon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 3, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Lee House Street, The Revenue Cruiser

"KUNG TING" as she now lies on Ockee Island. Extensive repairs were made to this vessel quite recently. For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Dec. 29, 1916. 1379

THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

10.30 a.m.—Auction of Discounts, Pans etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
4 p.m.—Football—H.K. Club v. Shropshire on Club's ground.
7.30 p.m.—Final Performance of "Kismet" at the Theatre Royal.
10.45 p.m.—"Star and Garter Fund" Supper at the Hongkong Hotel.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, Dec. 31—
Hogmanay.
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taishan".
MONDAY, Jan. 1—
General Holiday.
10 a.m.—Cricket—Kowloon v. The Rest at Kowloon.
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3—
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at No. 34 Wyndham Street.
FRIDAY, Jan. 5—
Noon—Green Island Cement Co.'s Extraordinary Meeting.
MONDAY, Jan. 8—
3.45 p.m.—Full moon.
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11—
Noon—Presentation of Prizes by Lady May at Belles Public School.
TUESDAY, Jan. 22—
Chinese New Year.
General Holiday.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DEC. 29, 1916.

CURRENT TOPICS.

A Rival Port?

THE first line which the American Railway Syndicate propose to construct is one which might some day have an important effect on the position of Hongkong as the entrepot of trade for South China. And it might not. It is a railway to run from Hengchowfu, in Hunan Province, through the Province of Kwangsi, crossing the West River to the east of Nanning and having its terminus at Yanchow-fu on the coast, a little westward of Pakhoi. This line has been talked about for some years past. The primary object of the line is the development of Kwangsi, a province at present regarded chiefly from the point of view of its agricultural value, but it is at the same time a province of incalculable mineral wealth only awaiting exploitation. Given the necessary railway communication there can be no doubt that the province would in course of time become a vastly more important area of China than it is to-day. A survey of the projected route is now being made. If the reports of the surveyors lead to the actual construction of the line it will be for the business organisations of Hongkong to consider what the prospects are of the new port of Yanchow ever becoming a serious rival to Hongkong as a distributing centre of the trade that is now carried on the West River and to prepare to meet the competition. It may be mentioned that Yanchow also figures as the terminal port of a French railway project from Chungking and Yunnan. In the *Far Eastern Review* for November three sketch maps are given—one of the province of Kwangsi showing the proposed routes of the two railways, the second is a map of the West River Basin, and the third is of the port of Yanchow, showing the depth of the water in fathoms. As our contemporary remarks "to make this harbour a proper terminal for two trunk railways, extensive dredging and other works will have to be carried out." But we may take it for granted that the engineers who have studied the possibilities are well aware of this, and have satisfied themselves of its feasibility. The immediate question is as to whether the railway itself is a project which will give promise of it proving a remunerative enterprise.

The Small Pox Epidemic.

The epidemic of small-pox which has broken out in Hongkong unhappily shows no abatement, and so long as the dry weather lasts the probability is that the weekly statistics will show little improvement. It is very satisfactory to know that the authorities are taking all possible measures to check the epidemic, and it is still more satisfactory to see the changed attitude of the Chinese towards this dread disease. For some reason or other it has been considered in China to be of good omen for a person to contract small-pox, especially if it develops satisfactorily. Some of our readers will perhaps be able to recall in this connection the death-bed

mandate of the Emperor T'ung Ch'ing, beginning: "We have had the good fortune to contract small-pox." Why it should have been regarded as good fortune to contract a dreadful disease which more often than not proves fatal, we do not know; but it is satisfactory to observe that the Chinese in Hongkong have been gradually persuaded to take a more common-sense view of the matter. The value of vaccination has been constantly preached by the public health authorities for several years past, by pamphlets and any other possible means, but the thirty thousand vaccinations which have taken place in the Colony within the past fortnight must surely constitute a record in this connection.

War Economy.

Everyone in the Colony must have already remarked that there are very few calendars being circulated this year by firms who have been accustomed in past years to adopt this form of advertisement. It has been no uncommon thing in past years for thirty different calendars to be received by a single firm, but this season it seems unlikely that a fifth of the usual number will be distributed. One local firm representing several British Insurance Companies has circulated the explanation that in view of the prevailing abnormal conditions "due to the war the British offices at home have decided to discontinue entirely for the present the practice of making gifts to the public. It is added that one important reason for this decision has been the restriction upon the importation of paper into Great Britain, and the desire of the Government that British subjects, in a patriotic spirit, should discontinue the use of paper for any purpose which can be avoided; and, furthermore, it is explained that it is desirable to eliminate as far as possible the employment of labour which can be utilised for war purposes. The reasons are good and sufficient; but the calendars will doubtless be missed in many offices.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Chinese revenue cruiser *Kung Ting* is announced to be sold by auction by Messrs. Hughes & Hough on January 20th, as she now lies on Ockee Island.

The two men who were stabbed on board the s.s. *Empress of Russia* are lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a critical condition. The dying deposition of one was taken by Mr. J. R. Wood this afternoon.

A P.W.D. foreman is wanted by the Police for absconding with \$358 the total value of five pay cheques the property of five clerks in the employ of the P.W.D. The clerks gave the cheques to the foreman to cash at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; he did so and has not since been seen.

The last performance of "Kismet" takes place to-morrow night at 7.30 p.m. and an after theatre supper will be served at the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room at the conclusion of the performance. The Theatre Booking plan will be available at the Hongkong Hotel from 2 to 6 p.m. as Moutrie's will be closed after 1 p.m. to-morrow.

NEW MOTOR HOUSE BOAT.

Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. Ltd. have built for the Asiatic Petroleum Company a shallow draft motor house boat to augment the company's fleet of these vessels in the Canton Delta. The new vessel is named *Yang Kow* and is 61 feet in length. She is fitted with the usual accommodation and driven by a twin set of 26 h.p. Kelvin motors, giving a speed of 8.65 knots per hour.

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from a look jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without mutilation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE MAGISTRACY.

CONDUCTOR DISCHARGED.

At the Magistracy this morning a train conductor employed on the lower level was charged with assaulting a passenger. Trooper Sergt. Scull last night heard a noise outside the H.K. Jockey Club Stables, Causeway Bay, and on going out found the complainant bleeding from the head. The conductor said when he was changing the tram boom pole the complainant struck him from behind. The pole dropped on complainant's head. The latter's story was that he gave the conductor ten cents and asked for five cents change which was refused him and the conductor struck him on the head with a ticket puncher. The case was dismissed.

ALLEGED SQUEEZE.

A revenue officer was remanded on a charge of attempting to obtain \$10 by false pretences. The evidence showed that a junkman was discharging charcoal at Kowloon and defendant asked him if he had a permit from the Harbour Master. The junkman answered that he had not, whereupon the defendant demanded \$10. He was given \$2 and later on a report of the incident was made to a constable, who went after defendant. The latter threw the money into the harbour and 85 cents was recovered by a small boy who dived into the water.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

A Chinese on board the s.s. *Equator* was arrested for being in possession of a revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition. He was released on a bail of \$250. When the case was called on at the Magistracy this morning, he did not appear and the bail was exonerated.

SMALL POX.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne fined a father \$50 for failing to notify a case of small pox at Hung Hom.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

At an Examination in First Aid held recently the following ladies were successful:—
1st Certificate: Mrs. Bowley.
Medallion, Miss R. Judah, Mrs. J. W. Taylor and Miss Worters.
Bar to Medallion (4th Examination), Mrs. Gegg.
Mrs. Hickling was the Hon. Lecturer to the Class, and Dr. W. V. M. Koch acted as Honorary Examiner.

HONGKONG BEDS IN SAIDEN HOSPITAL.

The following letter has been received by the local secretary of the Overseas Club from Lady Des Voeux:—
J. J. Bryan, Esq.,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong.

DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in acknowledging your cheque for \$1,000.00 which we have received through the Hongkong Banking Corporation, 9 Gracechurch Street, London.
We understand that this generous donation of the members at Hongkong is for the further upkeep of their beds at the Saiden Red Cross Hospital. We have handed over the money to the British Red Cross and hope to forward an official receipt and letter of thanks in the course of a few days.—Yours faithfully,

HILDA DES VOEUX.

Chairman Soldiers and Sailors Fund.
The local committee take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the members' and their friends for the very generous response to their appeal and will publish a balance sheet in the course of a few days showing how the amount referred to was made up.

OPIUM PROHIBITION IN YUNNAN.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT MUST CO-OPERATE.

Respecting the question of opium prohibition, Tu Chuan Tang, Chi-yao of Yunnan, has wired to Peking stating that owing to the contingency of the province with Burma, it is exceedingly difficult to exercise the necessary vigilance to suppress opium planting. Upon the Chinese authorities taking vigorous measures against opium planting in the interior of Yunnan, the farmers would go to the border and sow opium, which has never been well defined, and thus cause a great deal of diplomatic trouble. He suggests, therefore, that the co-operation of the British Government be secured if the prohibition is to be effectively carried out.—*Peking Gazette*.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

EXCELLENT REPORT ON YEAR'S WORK.

AS WILLING A SCHOOL AS COULD BE DESIRED.

The high position which St. Paul's College occupies in the Chinese mind was very manifest last evening by the large attendance and great enthusiasm at the usual annual prize giving. H.E. the Governor, Sir F. Henry May, K.O.M.G., presented the awards. Dr. Lander, Bishop of Victoria, presided.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

The annual report read by the Headmaster, the Rev. A. D. Stewart, was as under:—

"The past year, the eighth of this school's existence, has been very similar to other past years. We have gone quietly along our way with much to encourage us and little to trouble. The most important event in the school year is always the annual Local Examination in July. This year's results were, for us, satisfactory as those of past years. In the Senior division three passed out of five all getting Distinction: Wong Yee But in Religious Knowledge, Lai Man Tung in Mathematics, and Pun Lok Tin in Chinese.

In the Junior division fifteen passed out of twenty-two, three obtaining Distinction: Ip Sai Cheong in three subjects, Religious Knowledge, Arithmetic, and Book-keeping; and Li Kai Fai and Tang Hin Sung in Arithmetic.

The most satisfactory feature of these results was that, of the twenty-seven who entered, there was not a single failure in English Composition, and only two failed in the English section. Only those who have gone through the mill of teaching the intricacies of English Composition to the Oriental mind can fully appreciate our satisfaction.

The attendance has been well maintained throughout the year. The high average of attendance was specially noticeable during the summer months. Thirty-one of the students completed the whole year's attendance without missing a single day. In this connection I must again mention Chung U. Kong, who entered on the first day that the school started, and has now the splendid record of eight years' attendance without missing a single day. I regret to say that this is the last time to mention his name as he is about to leave us, having worked up from the bottom class to the 6th form. His record is indeed a worthy one, not only in attendance. In 1915 he passed the Oxford Preliminary examination with Honours, and this year passed the Junior Local. He has also represented the school in every department of athletics, being at present captain of the football and volleyball teams, athletic champion, and representing the school in tennis and swimming.

The enrollment has again been the highest possible number. Both at the New Year and in September the limit number was not only reached, but a considerable number were refused admission on both occasions. Besides these we have the three lowest classes in the Hostel, and also a Junior school in Hollywood Road, making a total of over 500 boys, divided into twenty classes. For these we have a Staff of thirty-four teachers. At the same time I should like to point out that these schools are self-supporting, paying everything except the salary of the Principal.

Again I must put on record the invaluable work of every member of the Staff, which has contributed so much to the successful working of the school. Cheerful and willing service is the leading feature in the Staff of St. Paul's College. Happy is the lot of any man called to work with such. The year has seen more changes than usual in the Staff. At the end of April Rev. W. T. Petherstone, after a year and a half of valuable work, left us to devote his whole time to the Missions to Seamen. A few weeks later Miss Stewart left Hongkong for a much-needed rest and change. The enthusiastic send-off which was accorded her was eloquent testimony to the esteem and affection in which she was held by both the boys and their relations. Mr. S. Edwards and Mr. Chan Chu Yen left us to go into business, after having done good work in the school. We have also lost Mr. Tao Siu Fong and Mr. Tao Siu Kai, who left us to enter the Theological Training College in Canton. In their places we welcome Mr. Lam Shiu Fan, Mr. Chiu Yan Kwong, and Mr. Wong To On.

We also welcome Mr. Updell back on our Staff, to take my place for the next half-year. His presence has already galvanised the Chinese classes into new life and energy, and great things are expected in this important branch of our studies under the new regime.

Mr. Gerkin also has been able to spare a little of his much-occupied time to give us much-valued help in teaching. In the sphere of sports several encouraging points may be recorded. In the Athletic Sports we were again second in the Relay Race, this being the fourth time we have had that position. The swimming season produced a record, as the bathing club numbered over 160 members as against 128 the previous year. During the season twenty-eight passed the swimming test, making a total of fifty-two qualified swimmers; and in the H. A. A. E. Swimming Sports our swimmers carried off the greatest number of prizes in the Senior events, including the Team Race. The small amount of playground available for our use has resulted in much of the popularity of football being transferred to volleyball, with the result that we have not shown up very well in the former, whereas in the Volleyball League we managed to take second place in the Senior Division, and to win

the cup in the Junior. This year we have launched out into a new venture, and sent a team to play against the Canton Christian College and Fui Ying School at Canton. In both matches our team was defeated, but managed to get their own back in the return matches.

I feel sure that the whole school will bear me out in saying that these successes are entirely due to the zeal and energy of the sports master, Mr. Evan Stewart, who has not spared himself in his efforts not only to develop athletes but also in encouraging the true sporting spirit which is of more value than winning a match.

The most encouraging side of our work has been, not in the intellectual nor the athletic, but in the moral sphere. The development of character is, above all else, the supreme aim of this school. The knowledge that we are sending out from year to year Christian men who are putting the uplift of their country before all personal considerations, who are seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness rather than worldly advancement, brings to us a deeper satisfaction than any success in the examination hall, or on the football field, can bring. We are not afraid to let it be known that such things are counted of but minor importance in this school as compared with that knowledge which is of vital importance, the knowledge of Him whom to know is life eternal.

So it is with glad hearts that we can record a year of steady growth and encouragement in this direction. The Scripture Union meetings have been regularly held every week and largely attended. The Sunday school also has kept up its numbers well.

Right through the year, even during the holidays, a faithful band has gone on Thursday evenings to the Preaching Hall in Hollywood Road, and spoken to a crowded room.

Nine members of the Staff and school, including past pupils, were baptized during the year, and 5 were confirmed. Best of all, three of our members decided to give themselves entirely to the work of the Church, and have entered the Theological College at Canton. They have left a gap hard to fill, but we rejoice that they have heard the call to this high service which we believe to be, above all else, the one hope for China.

In bringing this report to a close I should like to express our thanks for services rendered to us during the year—to the Bishop of Victoria, the local clergy, and others, for coming and kindly giving addresses to the boys on Saturday mornings; to the Lam Leong and Tsing Ping Lok clubs for most generously coming and giving entertainments in the school on behalf of charitable institutions, free of charge; to Dr. Ma Lok for vaccinating, free of charge, a large number of boys during the small-pox scare in the spring; to a former master of the College for kindly presenting a scholarship to the commercial class; and to the large number of masters and boys who have thrown themselves enthusiastically into any scheme that was for the good of the school, and have ungrudgingly and cheerfully given their time and energies to carry out anything they were asked to do.

It is no easy task to say "good-bye" to such happy work as this, even though it be for only half a year, but it is made the easier by the knowledge that it will be in capable hands, and that Mr. Updell and Mr. Evan Stewart will have the support and co-operation of as faithful a Staff and as willing a school as any man could desire to have. Preceding the distribution of prizes H.E. the Governor said it was always a great pleasure for him to be present to distribute the prizes won, but peculiarly so that night, as it gave him an opportunity of wishing God speed to their headmaster, Mr. Stewart, who was leaving for his home in Ireland, on his homeward journey. St. Paul's was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, college in Hongkong, and under the able guidance of Mr. Stewart it had reached a high stage of excellence, and was turning out splendid students. The college was very fortunate in having such a headmaster as Mr. Stewart. (Applause)

The chief prize-winners were—

MIDWINTER EXAM.	
VI.—Wong Yee But, Li Kai Fai	
Va.—Li Kai Fai, Lai Shu Fan	
Va.—J. Choy	
Com.—Li Ping Coi	
Special—Ho Ping Hau, Leung Kwong Choi	
U. IVa.—Cheng Hok	
U. IVb.—Li U Hau, Chan Kwok Wong	
U. IVa.—Chau Kwok	
U. IVb.—Chau Kwok	
IIIa.—Ho Chi Hing, Lo He Man	
IIIb.—Cheung Sing Lam, Leung Sing	
IIIc.—Li Kai Yu	
IIa.—Ue Wing Chan, U Bing Lu	
IIb.—Choi King Wan, So Ki Hang	
IIc.—Li Kai Yu, Lo Kin Chak	
Ia.—U Bing Lu, Ng Pak In	
Ib.—Lo Lok Hing, Tsang Chui Kwong	

MATHEMATICS.	
Set I.—Ng Ka Wing, Ng Ka Wong	
Set II.—Ho Hin Fong, Toi Ki Cheung	
Set III.—Toi Wa, Toi Ho Ka Lau	
Set IV.—Ho Ka Lau, Ching Wing On	
Set V.—Tang Shiu	
Set VI.—Chan Chik	
Set VII.—Fai, Fok Cheuk Wa	
Set VIII.—Lam Ping	
Set IX.—Leung, Lai Ping Luen	

Cheung U Kong was handed a cup for eight years' unbroken attendance.
The Rev. A. D. Stewart was subsequently presented with a number of gifts as a mark of appreciation and esteem on the occasion of his departure on leave.

THE BEST COUGH MEDICINE.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy is the largest-selling cough medicine in the world, today, because it does exactly what a cough medicine is supposed to do. It stops coughs and colds quickly and effectively. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

SPORTING.

TO-MORROW'S CRICKET.

K.C.C. 1st XI v. C.S.C.C.

At Happy Valley at 2.15 p.m.
K.C.C. 1st XI Team—J. P. Robinson, B. D. Evans, K. McLennan, W. H. Stapleton, E. J. Edwards, J. C. Fletcher, H. Overy, W. T. Elson, A. O. Brown, J. V. Fraga and A. R. Raven.
K.C.C. 2nd XI v. Sand Coy. R.G.A.
At Kowloon at 2.15 p.m.
K.C.C. Team—D. J. Mackenzie, W. L. Weaver, C. I. Stapleton, F. Travers, A. E. Silkenne, H. S. Rouse, O. Woodman, L. Gray, W. Ray, J. Ralston and J. M. Jack.

R.E. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the University in the above match on Saturday, the 30th inst., at 1.45 p.m., on the Military Ground—Ng See Kwong, F. Punsbury, Fane, K. Brayshaw, G. E. Marley, J. D. Wright, A. H. Rumjahn, R. P. Dixon, A. de Sousa, Chow Yat Cheong, W. Hall and W. Gittins.

MONDAY'S CRICKET.

The following will represent the Rest v. Kowloon on K.C.C. ground on Monday, January 1st, 1917, at 10 a.m.—T. H. Pearce, R. Brand, G. E. Marley, F. de Rome, R. C. Wickett, A. O. Brown, E. Mitchell, J. Rodmond, K. W. Hamilton, F. Sutton and R. E. O. Bird.

GOLF.

[CORRECTED.]

The results of the Borey Competition for the Bankers' Cup, played at Fanling on the 23rd, 24th and 25th December, were as follows:—

Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson	1 up
P. F. J. Woodhouse	1
Captain A. Dewar	1
G. C. Moxon	1
R. M. Austin	1
W. D. Kraft	2 down

RIFLE LEAGUE.

H.K.V.C. v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Shot at King's Park Range on December 24th:—

H. K. V. C.	
Sgt. Blandford	81
Q. S. M. Duncan	84
Cpl. Martin	85
Cpl. Green	77
Cpl. Ralston	79
Cpl. Sorby	80
Sgt. Manuk	80
Cpl. Evans	84
	688

R. E.	
Q. M. S. Williams	81
Q. M. S. Black	96
Cpl. Grimes	96
Sgt. Coxon	83
Sgt. Oxford	70
Cpl. Ramskill	64
Cpl. Scott	63
Spr. Page	58
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Less deduction of 4 for Aperture	3
Sights	597

JAPAN'S FLEET OF MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The total number of steamers on the Japanese register at the end of last month was 448, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 1,428,212. The principal Japanese shipping companies having in their possession vessels aggregating over 10,000 in gross tonnage are as follows according to the *Manchuria Daily News*:—

	No.	Tons.
Nippon Yusen Kaisha	86	455,229
Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	11	185,327
Tokyo Kisen Kaisha	11	94,894
Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	11	35,073
Nishin Kisen Kaisha	13	29,663
Nakamura	8	23,566
Yokohama S.S. Co.	9	27,390
Suma	7	19,148
Chinda	7	19,076
Chiyohama	7	18,696
Yokohama	7	18,363
Yokohama	7	18,380
Yokohama	5	18,221
Kanagawa	5	17,100
Nishimoto S.S. Co.	4	16,805
Su Baihi Co.	6	16,004
Dept. of Agri. & Comm.	5	14,286
Naruse	3	13,076
Mineral Dept.	6	12,317
Yokohama	4	11,601
Yokohama	6	10,425
Additional vessels registered in Japan		
Leasing Lease-Territory total	63	
(1,000 tons gross), with 193,508 in		
tonnage. The Japanese shipping		
companies of Dairen, which have fleets		
operating over 10,000 in gross tonnage,		
total		
Yokohama S.S. Co.	7	30,893
Tokyo Kisen Kaisha	3	20,864
Suma & Co.	1	1,696
Nishin Kisen Kaisha	8	10,974
Yokohama & Co.	3	10,662

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE YEAR ON THE BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Summarising the situation on the British front during "the year now expiring" Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says the enemy has advanced a few acres in two places only, whereas we have gained three as many square miles. The enemy casualties, including those at Verdun, have been well towards a million and a quarter. The British line is nearly twice as strong as it was at the end of 1915. Cannon now crash in scores, where a year ago they snorted in pairs.

THE WESTERN FRONT IN 1917-18.

THE "TIMES" EXPERT'S VIEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The Military Correspondent of the "Times" says that in order to gain the necessary superiority on the west front in 1917-18, every possible white division should be withdrawn from Salonika, Egypt and Mesopotamia, and be replaced by native armies from India and Africa. In Egypt artillery could be provided by the Dominions. The preservation of the Egypt base intact is as much an Australian as an English and Indian interest. Egypt is an ideal offensive base for operations on the Eastern shores of the Mediterranean and the breaking down of Turkish military power by the combined action of the Allies in Armenia, Mesopotamia, and Egypt would be the best means of accomplishing the investment of the Austro-German armies, and checking Germany's Eastern moves.

THE BRITISH SUCCESSIONS IN EGYPT AND MESOPOTAMIA.

A FRENCH VIEW.

PARIS, Dec. 28. The *Matin* observes that the British successes in Egypt and Mesopotamia may imperil the Hedjaz Railway and with the help of India lead to a systematic attack on Bagdad, thus forcing Turkey to recall important forces from other fronts.

SELLING THE BELGIANS INTO SLAVERY.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Reuter learns that the German Authorities in Schleswig-Holstein are offering farmers and other employers Belgian servants, both men and women of ages ranging between 18 and 36, at a rate of pay 30% below the rate current in the district. Employers must pay the Government half the travelling expenses, but are entitled to deduct this from the wages paid to the servants.

BRITISH AEROPLANE ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The Admiralty announces that aeroplanes have successfully bombarded camps in Galatia, and that aeroplanes have destroyed Chikader Bridge, eighteen miles eastward of Adana (Asia Minor).

SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The following ships have been sunk: Norwegian steamer *Suo*, Swedish steamer *Friga*; the British sailing ship *Agnes* and the Danish sailing ship *Johan*.

A GERMAN PRIZE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28. The Norwegian steamer *Aamol* which was proceeding to England with a cargo of artificial manure, has been taken by the Germans to Hamburg as a prize.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The death is announced of Mr. Frank Penn, sen., the Kentish cricketer. He was 65 years of age.

EYE-ELECTION.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Mr. J. D. Kiloy has been returned unopposed for Whitechapel, succeeding Sir S. M. Samuel (b) who has resigned for business reasons.

THE FIGHTING NEAR THE DANUBE.

ENEMY ATTACKS HEAVILY REPULSED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28. A communiqué states:—Scots crossed the Narajouka, drove off the enemy's patrol guard, and carried back construction material and barbed wire entanglements. The enemy pressed back our detachments and occupied a series of heights on the Moldavian frontier. Enemy attacks south of the Danube were heavily repulsed. English armoured motor-cars participated in beating back the attacks. The enemy fled.

VIOLENT FIGHTING IN THE CARPATHIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 28. A Berlin communiqué records most violent fighting in the wooded Carpathians but the results are not stated. It says: Russian counter-attacks to regain ground at Rimmilsarat failed and we further progressed. Over 10,000 prisoners were taken in the fighting at Rimmilsarat.

THE GREEK SITUATION.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Telegrams from Piræus state that the transport of Greek troops to Moræa is proceeding. It has been decided that the artillery shall not be sent to Peloponnese until the Allies have formulated their demands. It is believed that the Greek Government is disposed to comply with the claims of the Allies in order to obtain the raising of the blockade.

THE PEACE MANŒUVRE.

AMERICAN PRESS COMMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. The newspapers declare that the United States certainly will not ask the Entente to enter a Peace Conference on the terms proposed by Germany, which are obviously evading the issue.

NEUTRALS AND THE PEACE MANŒUVRE.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 28. Sweden is seemingly endeavouring to induce the other Scandinavian Powers to send a Joint Note in favour of peace, but Denmark and Norway are hanging back.

"THE BEST REPLY" TO PEACE OVERTURES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28. All the newspapers agree that the Tsar's message to his Forces is the best reply to the German and neutral peace proposals.

The *Novoe Vremya* says the Tsar's words faithfully reflect the sentiments of the entire Russian People.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES' REPLY TO THE PEACE NOTE.

NO SURRENDER.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The *Daily Telegraph* says that the text of Allies' reply to Germany, which has been approved by the Allies, makes it clear to belligerents and neutrals alike, that no hope need be entertained of ever persuading the Allies to surrender potential victory for the sake of a peace which would be only a German peace so long as German militarism remains unbroken.

A GERMAN BRAND OF PEACE.

FRENCH OPINION.

PARIS, Dec. 28. French opinion is that the German reply shows that Germany wants a German brand of peace wrenched from the Allies by a ruse in default of strength to obtain it by force. Her deceitful machinations justify the Allies in their determination to fight.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tsa Yat Po's Service.)

THE BUDGET DEFICIT.

HOW IT IS TO BE MET.

PEKING, Dec. 28. After consideration extending over twelve sittings the Cabinet has decided that the deficit in the Budget shall be covered by the following means:—
(1.)—Increase of contribution by the Province by one-tenth, based on the amounts levied in the 2nd and 4th year of the Republic.
(2.)—Increase of stamp duties, income tax, and tax on title deeds.
(3.)—To raise the remaining amount of the deficit by a Domestic Loan for \$500,000,000.

ANOTHER SMALL LOAN.

PEKING, Dec. 28. The Ministry of Finance has arranged with the P. Lee Co. (Chinese) for a loan of \$5,000,000 at the price of 94, and bearing interest at 6 per cent. The Company is permitted, as consideration for the loan, to buy and melt copper cash under the supervision of a delegate appointed by the Ministry, the copper thus obtained to be sold to the Government Mint.

THE NATIONAL RELIGION QUESTION.

PEKING, Dec. 28. At the Conference on the Constitution yesterday, the proposal was brought forward for the adoption of a national religion by the Constitution. Speeches for and against were made, and the discussion was adjourned.

DR. WU TING FANG.

PEKING, Dec. 28. Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, declares that as soon as the outstanding diplomatic questions are settled, he will retire.

JAPANESE SHIPS FOR SALE.

The following is the full statement made by the Times shipping correspondent, which was mentioned in a Reuter's cable some weeks ago:—

Quite a number of fine new Japanese cargo steamers are now being offered in the London market. Some are ready for sea; others can be delivered within the next few months. But at the prices now being asked British owners, badly as they need to replace their lost vessels, show no inclination to consider them. For splendidly-built cargo steamers of 10,000 tons deadweight, about 240 a ton, amounting to 240,000, is now being asked. Before the war, ships capable of performing precisely the same service could have been very comfortably built for 28 a ton, or £80,000. The present prices are, therefore, just five times the pre-war prices.

A steamer flying the British flag could, if not requisitioned by the Admiralty, on earning 30s. a ton, lead weight for 12 months. That is, the steamer of 10,000 tons would earn 24,000 a month (they might well be more), the monthly profit would be £11,000, or, say, £130,000 for the year. On the £400,000 new capital the owners would be allowed to earn 6 per cent, or £24,000, before becoming liable to excess profit taxation. That deducted from the total profit of £130,000 leaves £106,000. Of this the Government would take 60 per cent, or £63,600, in excess profit taxation, leaving £42,400. On this sum income tax at 6s. (super tax is not reckoned in the calculation) would amount to £10,600, leaving £31,800. If the owner applied the whole of this sum to depreciation, and could rely on earning the present abnormal freight for about 10 years, and was content with 6 per cent. profit, it would only be, on the basis of the figures quoted above, at the end of that period that he would be able to write down the value of the ship in his books to the pre-war cost of a similar and competing ship.

Owners are, however, bound to take into account the possibility of the war ending within a year or two. If it ended 5 years hence they would have a vessel still representing a value of £368,000, and having to compete with ships originally costing only £80,000, and written down to a figure far below that sum. If many of the large number of vessels which are now being built in Japan and neutral countries are to be secured by British owners, it will have to seem that either values will have to fall or owners will have to be granted some special financial concession, such as being allowed to write down the values to "reasonable" prices before becoming liable to excess profit taxation.

LATEST EDITION.

STOP PRESS

NEWS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMAN OFFENSIVE NEAR KOVEL.

"BLOODILY REPULSED."

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28. A communiqué states that a German offensive in the region of Kovell has been bloodily repulsed.

ENEMY ATTACK IN RUMANIA.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28. A communiqué states:—The Germans delivered an attack along nearly the whole Rumanian front. The enemy succeeded in driving back the Russians and Rumanians in the upper Rimmik. Everywhere else they were repulsed.

Fighting continues.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28. A Vienna official statement says: The fighting in Wallachia continues favourably, despite the arrival of strong Russian reinforcements.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

LONDON, Dec. 28. A Berlin official announcement says that Bimik-ul-Sarat in Wallachia has been captured, and that British attacks north-east of Doinan have been repulsed.

THE OPERATIONS IN ASIA MINOR.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28. A communiqué says:—The Turks have been driven back in the region of Lake Van.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT IN YERDUN REGION.

PARIS, Dec. 28. A communiqué states:—

On the left of the Meuse enemy artillery violently bombarded our positions on the Mort Homme and Hill 304 front. We vigorously countered the bombardment.

FUTILE ENEMY RAID ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 28. General Sir Douglas Haig reports: Of three enemy parties attempting a raid north-west of Commequert two were driven back by our fire. The third reached our trenches but was immediately ejected.

The enemy at night time fired many gas-shells at places behind the front line in the neighbourhoods of Arms and Lens.

There have been a number of air fights. Three hostile machines were destroyed and three others driven down damaged.

BRITISH WORKERS TO FRENCH DEMOCRACY.

PARIS, Dec. 28. Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Labour representative in the British War Cabinet, interviewed in Paris, said he came to Paris to renew to the French democracy the formal engagement of the British working people to pursue the triumph, disregarding the hypocritical manoeuvres of our enemies. The British people had made up their minds to suffer all the sacrifices necessary to attain that end, from which nothing would turn them.

OVERSEAS NEW YEAR HONOURS POSTPONED.

LONDON, Dec. 28. It is officially notified that the announcement of the Overseas New Year Honours will be postponed till the middle of January.

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3.30 p.m.
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CONSERVANCY WORK IN NORTHERN ANHUI.

OVER 50,000 MEN EMPLOYED.

Those interested in the proposed American loan for river conservancy in northern Anhui, which the American Red Cross, remarks the *China Press*, has tried to help negotiate for the Chinese Government, may be surprised to learn that river conservancy on an extensive scale has already been begun in that region entirely without outside aid. The work is being done entirely by the provincial authorities under the direction of Ni Shih-chung, civil governor of Anhui.

Ground was broken about a year ago, when forty-two thousand labourers were employed. The number has recently been increased, until it is probable that now over fifty thousand men are actually working. The extensive nature of the undertaking can be seen from the fact that it is proposed to employ this number of men for from four to six years, during the larger part of each year.

The work being done is the deepening of the channel of the Su River for the last forty miles before it enters Hungtze Lake. For a large part of the distance an entirely new channel is being dug because the old is too winding. On a recent visit the writer estimated the width of the new channel from dyke to dyke as about two hundred feet, and the depth from the top of the dyke to the bed of the channel about forty feet. The work is of course being done entirely by hand, the earth being carried in baskets from the bed of the stream and deposited on the two sides to form dykes. The entire expense of the undertaking is being borne by the three magistrates of Nankunghow, Lingpi and Szechow, the three magistrates, which are expected to benefit most from the completed work. It is an inspiring sight to stand on an eminence and see this thriving human beehive as far as the eye can reach in both directions, and to realise the enormous power of China's masses, if properly directed, to execute great public works. For the three magistrates that are bearing the entire burden are the very districts that are being featured far and wide through the American press as being in dire need of famine relief. The work is of course being done by forced labour, every hundred families in the three magistrates, furnishing twenty-five labourers. It has been very difficult to ascertain just how the work is financed. The general impression gained by questioning labourers and overseers and others in the district is that each village furnishes food and tools for its own labourers and that the expenses of oversight are met by a heavy increase in the land tax. Work is suspended each year during the busy farm season.

The question naturally arises—what is the relation of this work to the larger conservancy scheme proposed by the Huai River Conservancy Commission, which the American Red Cross sent out to investigate conditions. This is not altogether easy to answer. The main purpose of the plan, proposed by that commission was to drain the Huai valley by forming an adequate channel for the waters of Hungtze Lake to reach the sea. If that plan is carried out it would seem that any deepening of streams flowing into Hungtze Lake would be a valuable part of the system. Unless the main scheme is carried out, however, it is hard to see what great advantage can be gained by digging a channel into a lake that already has no adequate outlet.

Another subsidiary purpose of the work may be to provide a waterway from the extensive coal fields, which are said to exist near the headwaters of the Su. There is danger however that this large amount of forced labour and increase of taxes, especially during a year when harvests are below the average, may so prejudice the rank and file of the farming population against conservancy of any form, that any proposal for more adequate conservancy in the future will meet by great local hostility.

Meanwhile there is evidence in the great work now going on that conditions in Anhui do not at the moment necessitate any unusual famine relief work.

HEAVY SNOWFALL IN THE NORTH.

FARMERS' REJOICE.

Just before Christmas snow began to fall heavily in the Metropolitan area. Although it is somewhat late in the season, says a Peking contemporary, the fact is that it has fallen at all before the New Year agers well according to Chinese tradition—for the crops of next year. For, to the Chinese farmer, winter snow means well-watered fields, for the coming year, and in superstitious circles the white snowflakes are a symbol of abundance of rice and wheat. Much virtue also lies in the character of the snow flakes. For instance, fleecy flakes are read as a sign of a mild spring and a pleasant summer, while icy flakes are said to be the forerunner of a chilly spring and scorching July. The present snow-fall is therefore all that the farmers want it to be, and in accordance with the custom of centuries the Commander of the Gendarmerie will duly submit a report to the Head of the State, advising that an excellent crop for next year is assured, as so many inches of snow have fallen in the regions of the Metropolitan.

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COMMERCIAL.

INDIAN COTTON YARN.

REVIEW OF THE TRADE IN 1916.

Messrs. Polishwalla & Kotwall, Cotton and Yarn Brokers of Hongkong give in their latest circular the following review of the trade in Indian Cotton Yarn during the past year.

In our Review for 1915, we drew attention to the steady shrinkage of Indian Yarn imports into China, which had been progressively decreasing year by year. We find that in the course of the past year no less an authority than the Chairman of the Bank of Bombay took occasion to sound a note of warning upon the same subject.

In addressing the shareholders at the last annual meeting of the Bank, the chairman made the following statement.

"Exports of Indian Yarns to China are on the wane, and our goods are steadily being supplanted by indigenous and Japanese makes. In 1905, we exported 961,870 Bales against 368,777 in 1915. This year owing to scarcity of freight, shipments will be still smaller."

It remains to be seen whether this warning will be heeded, and what steps the Mill Owners in India will take to remedy this alarming shrinkage in their hitherto best market.

Arrivals during this year amounted to 128,850 bales. Sales aggregated 141,800 bales, which constitute an increase on last year, partially due to Japanese mills being well engaged in other fields under the exceptional circumstances prevailing.

Double this lessened competition from Japan is only temporary.

In making a survey of the past twelve months, it is gratifying to record that both importers and dealers alike have been able to achieve eminently satisfactory results. During the earlier part of the year the dealers had to contend with violent fluctuations in exchange, which made it unsafe for them to operate on any extended scale.

In the early part of May, however, the sudden slump in silver, coupled with some slight demand from the consuming districts, put a little life into the market.

This recovery, however, was to prove but a flash in the pan, as just then the various political factions in and around Canton began to assert themselves, pointing to unmistakable signs of impending disturbances, and the dealers were in consequence at once notified to suspend all shipments to Kwantung.

What really saved this market from utter collapse at this time was the demand from Yunnan, which province cleared off quite a good slice of our stocks during June.

Matters continued to drift in this fashion until well on towards the third quarter of the year.

In the meantime cotton was soaring upwards, while cable prices were duly reaching Hongkong that Bombay exporters were making large and heavy purchases. Nevertheless, the dealers remained immovable, and it was not until October, when they felt assured that some order had been evolved out of the prevailing political chaos in Canton, that they shook off their lethargy and entered the market in real earnest, and this proved to be their salvation, as it was not many weeks thereafter that the price of cotton touched the highest point of the year, viz. 18-50, when it would have been too late for the local buyers to derive any benefit from the unprecedented advance of American Cotton.

As we have said, both importers and dealers should show substantial balances on the credit side on the year's trade results, the price of cotton, the controlling factor, having reached a higher point than that touched during the American Civil War.

Closing prices as compared with those of 1915 are appended below:—

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20s 113s to 117s	11.15 to 11.35	

THE OPIUM TRADE OF HONGKONG IN 1916.

Messrs. S. D. Sethna & Co. in their review of trade in the year just closing state in regard to Opium that there is nothing to report as business is not transacted. Old Stock was estimated at about 412 chests of Patna Opium, 219 chests of Benares Opium; 6274 chests of Malwa Opium, and 117 chests of Persian and Turkish Opium, in all about 10,751 chests. Arrivals (as reported during the current year) about 16 chests of Patna Opium, 4 chests of Benares Opium and 844 chests of Persian and Turkish Opium, in all about 861 chests. Exports during the current year to Szechow, East Coast Ports, Macao, Canton and West Coast, including local consumption, are reported about 72 chests of Patna Opium, 70 chests of Benares Opium, 140 chests of Malwa Opium, and 784 chests of Persian and Turkish Opium, in all about 966 chests. Stock is estimated at about 386 chests of Patna Opium, 153 chests of Benares Opium, 2151 chests of Malwa Opium, and 24 chests of Persian and Turkish Opium, in all about 3574 chests.

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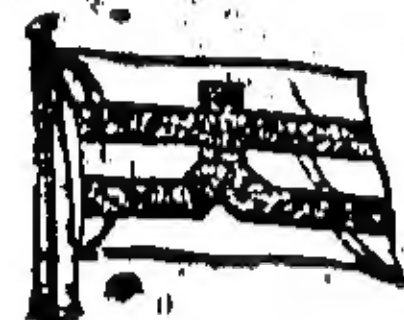
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MANILA	LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, Dec. 30, at 3 p.m.
MOJI & KOBE	KUSANG	SUNDAY, Dec. 31, Daylight.
SHANGHAI	YUSANG	SUNDAY, Dec. 31, Daylight.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	TAKSANG	SUNDAY, Dec. 31, at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NANSANG	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, at Noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG	SATURDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	CHINSANG	TUESDAY, Jan. 9, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	SUISANG	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10, at Noon.
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	SATURDAY, Jan. 13, at Noon.

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Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to change without notice.

Steamer	Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong
NIPPON MARU	11,000-15 knots	Thurs. 4th Jan. at 10.30 a.m.
SHINYO MARU	32,000-31 knots	Tues. 16th Jan. at Noon.
PERIA MARU	8,000-14 knots	Sat. 27th Jan. at 10.30 a.m.
KORIBA MARU	18,000-18 knots	Sat. 10th Feb. at Noon.
SIBERIA MARU	18,000-18 knots	Mon. 26th Feb. at Noon.
TENYO MARU	22,000-21 knots	Tues. 6th Mar. at Noon.

First Class to London G\$348. (271-39.0) Return G\$608. (2139)

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATE
LONDON via SINGAPORE, MALACCA, PENANG, COLOMBO, DELAGOA, BAY, CAPE TOWN AND TENERIFE	KASHIMA MARU, Capt. Tozawa, Tons 11,000	THURSDAY, 4th Jan. at Noon.
	KISHIMA MARU, Capt. Nishimura, Tons 18,000	THURSDAY, 11th Jan. at Noon.

VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI

MOJI, KOBE, NAGOYA AND YOKOHAMA

SHIMIZUOKA MARU, Capt. Noma, Tons 12,500, Jan. at Noon.

KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. Kawahara, Tons 12,500, Jan. at Noon.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE via SHANGHAI

DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE

NIKKO MARU, Capt. R. Takada, Tons 9,800, Jan. at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU, Capt. K. Yoshikawa, Tons 12,500, Feb. at 11 a.m.

OSAKA MARU, Capt. O. Sakamoto, Tons 10,000, SUNDAY, 31st Jan.

PEENANG & HANGKONG

REIKEN MARU, Capt. G. Tomida, Tons 8,000, THURSDAY, 4th Jan.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, MALACCA AND COLOMBO

TOTOMI MARU, Capt. Kamada, Tons 8,000, SATURDAY, 13th Jan.

NAGASAKI KOBE & YOKOHAMA

AKI MARU, Capt. K. Yoshikawa, Tons 12,500, SATURDAY, 13th Jan.

SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA

ATSUTA MARU, Capt. K. Iizumi, Tons 18,000, SATURDAY, 13th Jan.

SHANGHAI MOJI & KOBE

RANGKONG MARU, Capt. Kobayashi, Tons 8,000, WEDNESDAY, 17th Jan.

SHANGHAI MOJI & KOBE

For further information apply to

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NOTICE.

THE Mitsui Bussan Kaisha's steamer "TORIAI MARU" will be despatched by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha for Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Mexico and Central and South America Ports, on FRIDAY the 18th January, at noon.

For information regarding freight etc. kindly apply to the undersigned.

T. DAIGO, Agent.

Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Hongkong.

Hongkong, Dec. 8, 1916. 1309

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

KONINKLIJKE PERKEVAART

MAATSCHAPPIJ

ON BATAVIA, JAVA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BELAWAN DELI PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"JACOB"

having arrived from the above ports.

Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. whence and/or the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by January 1st, 1917 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on January 2nd, 1917 at 10 a.m.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.N.

Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1916. 1372

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

S.S. "ECUADOR"

FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI AND MANILA.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, December 30th, 1916 at noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown at West Point.

